

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



*Harvesting crops and preparing land for fall

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RELEASED: October 4, 1999 3:00 p.m. The week was cool and dry in most areas of the state. A soaking rain was reported in the extreme east and the southeastern portion of the state. Some areas reported over an inch while others had almost ½ inch of rain. A frontal passage on the first of the month brought cooler temperatures to Northern Arkansas according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 43 percent very short, 41 percent short, 16 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included harvesting rice, sorghum, cotton, soybean, and corn and preparing land for planting of annual forages such as rye and ryegrass. Other activities included planting wheat, continued harvesting peas and pumpkins, land leveling , liming pastures, fields were being subsoiled and plowed, irrigating soybeans for the last time, and scouting for and treating webworms in soybeans.

CROPS: Spraying fields for insects were reported in the state. Fertilizer applications to fields were also reported. Tree fruit and small fruits were being harvested throughout the state.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported in fair condition. Cattle producers continued to market cattle, wean calves, fall calving, and pregnancy check spring bred cows. Cattle were given vaccinations, producers were also planning for Brucellosis vaccinations, treated for external parasites for insect control by dusting and ear tagging cattle.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM								
Mature	100	98	97					
Harvested	96	92	85					
COTTON				1	10	41	35	13
Bolls Opening	96	92	89					
Harvested	43	29	21					
RICE				1	3	30	45	21
Harvested	87	84	79					
SOYBEANS				12	19	30	29	10
Setting Pods	100	100	100					
Shedding	47	54	39					
Harvested	20	19	12					
CORN								
Harvested	98	98	96					
WHEAT								
Planted	2	3	6					
Emerged	0	1	2					
ALFALFA				6	30	49	15	0
OTH. HAY				19	34	36	11	0
PASTURE				21	34	34	10	1

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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